

The inhabitants of British India are beginning to devote themselves to athletic sports.

It is said that the Chinese government is preparing to remove the capital of the kingdom to some place in central China.

A rough estimate places the amount of fruit shipped from southern California this season at 8,000 car loads. For the transportation of this the growers have paid the railroads about \$1,600,000.

In England the gymnasium is unknown. The evenness of the climate makes outdoor exercise possible throughout the year, and a warm-blooded Englishman develops his muscle and brawn from walking, rowing and running in the open air.

A lady who saw the Prince of Wales at Hamburg, says he looked like something out of a comic opera, dressed in a light blue suit, with a yellowish hat and shoes. It was most comical to see the ladies introduced to him even in the public places dropping courtesies before him, and when they were young and pretty he put out his hand and lifted them up.

"The average woman clerk," says a head of department at Washington, "put in solid work, is earnest, painstaking and faithful, striving at all times to please her superiors, and to give no possible cause for criticism. The average man in departments is discontented." After all the fun that has been poked at the new woman, it is refreshing to read a tribute to her like that, declares the Louisville Courier Journal.

There is no doubt that there is a relation between education and crime. British statistics show plainly enough for a blind man to see that the wider the educational privileges are extended the lower is the ratio of crime. How could it be otherwise? A great many crimes are committed by men who are not totally depraved, because they have no resources and don't know how to get a living. An education gives them opportunities. It makes them self-reliant, and if they can't do one thing they do another. The temptation to lead a vicious life is thereby weakened.

Major Handy, in the Chicago Times, has the best chance to win the great prize in politics. Take the States with the largest cities—New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Illinois, Ohio, California, Maryland and Missouri—their senators all hail from the country. The Major then takes up the presidency and says: "Did you ever notice how few presidents of the United States were city-bred, and how few hailed from cities when elected. Come to think of it New York city has contributed only one president, Chester A. Arthur, and his presidency came about by act of providence. Arthur, the solitary urban president, was country born, his birthplace being Fairfield, Vt. In fact, it may be said that no man born in a large city ever became president of the United States. Jefferson, Monroe and Madison were country gentlemen before and after taking the presidency. The two Adamses, father and son, were natives of Braintree, Mass., and lived at Quincy. Andrew Jackson was an out-and-out countryman. Martin Van Buren was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., and began a life of office-holding as surrogate of Columbia county. Polk was a countryman all his life. The elder Harrison was farmer born, and the younger, although hailing from Indianapolis when elected was born at North Bend, a small village in Ohio, and was countrybred. Taylor and Tyler were "born and raised" as they say down south, on Virginia plantations. Fillmore was a countryman, born at Summerhill, Cayuga county, New York, but lived in Buffalo when it began to put on city airs. Buchanan was born at Stony Batter, died at Wheatland and prided himself as being a farmer. Lincoln, Johnson and Grant—all three were countrymen, the nearest to city born being Andrew Johnson, who was a native of Raleigh, N. C., when it had the population of a village. It is the same way in business maintains the Atlanta Constitution. Almost every great capitalist, merchant and professional man in the United States is country-bred. The man born in cities who inherit fortunes and step into the shoes of their fathers find it difficult to hold their own against country boys. And it is so in literature. Nearly every famous writer is the product of the country. The countryman has the best of it. Whether on the farm or in the city, he bosses the job.

Hopeless.  
"Tom has proposed, and asks me to give him his answer in a letter."  
"Shall you do it?"  
"No; I will be more liberal, and give him his answer in two letters."—*Hesper's Bazar.*

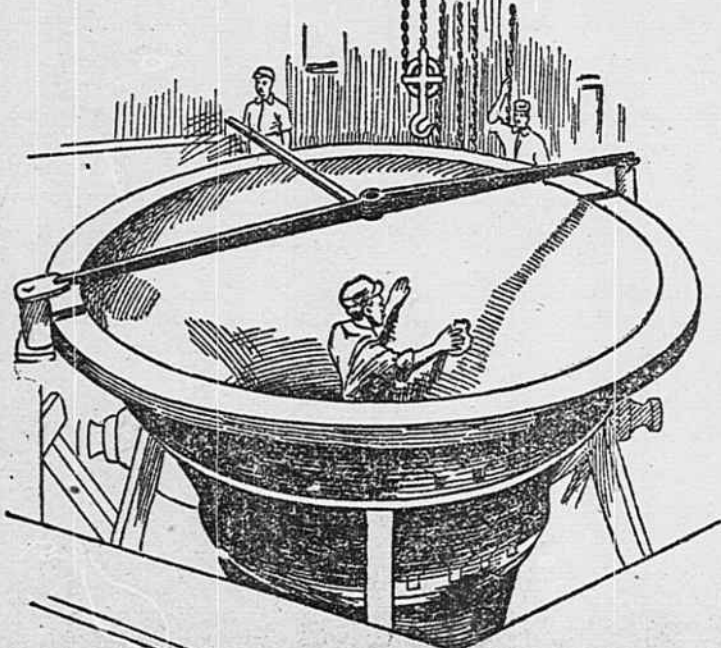
A mill owner of Zurich, near Opatowitz, has invented a new military rifle, which is now being tested by the war department. It fires twenty shots a minute without reloading.

## A BIG BELL.

LARGEST EVER CAST ON THIS CONTINENT.

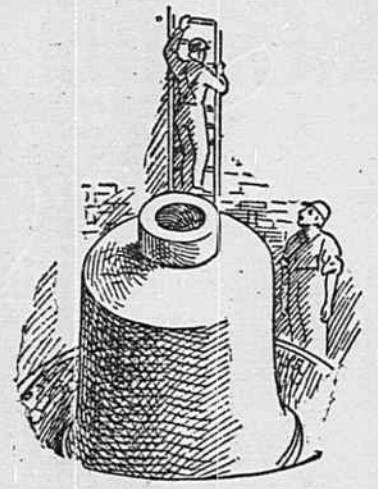
To Weigh Nearly Fifteen Tons, and to Hang in the Suburb of Cincinnati—A Unique Feature.

LIBERTY BELL is at last to have a rival. Not, indeed, in fame, nor in the hearts of the people. In those respects it will ever stand unrivaled. But, in size, at least, a rival is now being made ready for a massive bell in the suburbs of Cincinnati, where it is soon to ring out the loudest peal that has ever vibrated upon the free air of America. The new bell is to weigh nearly fifteen tons, and the great bell in the cathedral at Montreal, hitherto the largest on the American continent, weighs less than thirteen tons. The largest in England, the Westminster bell, weighs about the same, while one in Vienna, the largest in actual use in Europe, weighs about twenty tons. The monster of Moscow, which has broken and prostrated more than 200 tons, but it was simply a huge mistake, which having failed as a bell is now used as a chapel. It is stated, too, that there is a monolith somewhere in China that weighs about sixty tons. The great Chinese cast iron bell is said to be about fourteen feet in height and shaped like a barrel. The Cincinnati bell, which is modeled after a bell in Erfurt, Prussia, is accounted the sweetest in the world, is seven feet in height and nine in diameter at the base. The clapper will weigh 640 pounds. It is stipulated that the bell shall be so poised that one man can swing it.



WORKMAN POLISHING THE INTERIOR OF THE LARGEST BELL IN AMERICA.

The ornamentation of the Cincinnati bell is believed to be more elaborate than that of any other in existence. Civic and ecclesiastical decorations will both have place, making it at once an emblem of patriotic feeling and a consecrated instrument of worship. Enrolling the body of the bell, just above the sounding blow, is the Latin text of the Lord's prayer in true Gothic characters about seven inches high. Above this, on the civic half, the American eagle hovers over



CORE OF MOLD IN THE CASTING PIT.

the great seal of the United States. Beneath this is the seal of Ohio, pierced by the staffs that support the Stars and Stripes, which fall in graceful folds on either side; at 1 beneath this is the seal of the city of Cincinnati. Medallions of the deceased donor and family complete the design. On the ecclesiastical half, under the surmounting tiara, is a medallion of Pope Leo XIII., with his seal beneath it. Just below is the medallion of the Right Rev. William Henry Elder, Archbishop of Cincinnati, through which are crossed the staffs of the Pope's banners. Right and left of this medallion are two others—of Archbishop Purcell and Bishop Fenwick, the first Bishop of Cincinnati. Beneath the central medallion is one of Visar-Genet Albrink. Around the crown, in Gothic relief, are two verses of medieval Latin hexameters relating to the bells, which read as follows:

Laudo Deum verum, plebem voco congrego clero:  
Funera prango, fulgura frango, Sabbata paupum.

This may be approximately, though not completely, rendered by the quaint old English lines:

To call ye folde aite meeting tyme,  
We chime;  
When joye and myrrh are on ye wynde  
We ring;  
When we lament a passyng soule,  
We toll.

It will be noticed that great symmetry has been attained by this arrangement. The eagle is opposite the tiara, and the American flag to the Papal ensign; the seal of the United States corresponds to that of Rome, and the same artistic balance is maintained in all the parts.

This ornamentation of bells is a peculiar and difficult task. The decorations must be in relief to avoid interfering with the tone. The medallions, for example, after being designed by the artist, and passing through a whole series of transformations, must at last be accurately impressed upon the clay of the mold, an operation requiring great dexterity.

The metal need is the usual alloy of

copper and tin in the ratio of 78 to 22. No other metals or proportions give so satisfactory a result. The idea that an admixture of silver will sweeten the tone is a popular delusion.

From the foundry the bell will be taken to a vacant space adjoining Federal square, there to be exhibited for a month. Finally, before being placed in position, the great bell will be consecrated according to the Roman Catholic custom. The bell will then be raised to the belfry, where it is to be mounted in connection with a chime of twenty-six smaller bells, yet to be cast.

A novel feature in the proposed peal of bells will be its connection, by an ingenious device, with the organ, so that it will be under the control of the organist, and may be used to reinforce the rendering of the solemn anthems. Frank Wilson, the organist, is looking forward to the time when he will be enabled to achieve something unique in the history of music.

The pastor is the Rev. A. M. Quartman. A parishioner, Joseph G. Buddeke, bequeathed \$10,000 to defray the cost, but at least \$5000 more will be expended before Cincinnati's noble bells sound.—*New York Herald.*

Catching the Captain.

The captain of a certain large sailing vessel is probably the most polite officer in the whole mercantile service. He has, however, a great idea of his importance, and loses no opportunity of impressing it upon his crew. In particular, he insists upon being addressed as "sir" by every one on board. One day a new hand joined the ship, and a short time after leaving harbor, being a seasoned old salt, he was intrusted with the wheel. The captain came up and put the usual question:

"How's her head?"  
"Nor-by-east," answered the old tar, very gruffly.  
"My man," snarled the captain, "on this craft, when one of crew speaks to me as gives me no respect. Don't you think you might do so, too? Now, how's her head?"  
"Nor-by-east, I tell yer," shouted the tar, displaying not a little irritation.

"I'm afraid you don't quite understand me," responded the captain, good-humoredly. "Let me relieve you at the wheel, and then do you take my place and ask me the question. I will then show you how it should be answered." They accordingly changed places.

"Ow's her head?" roared the tar.  
"Nor-by-east, sir," replied the captain, with emphasis on the sir.  
"Then keep her so, my man, whilst I goes forward and has a smoke," was the startling rejoinder from the old reprobate, who calmly commenced to suit the action to the word.

For the first time on record the captain lost his temper.—*London Tit-Bits.*

Attar of roses is \$100 an ounce.

Forty Years in Public Life.

The longest telegraph line in the world, above ground and without a break, has just been completed in Australia, that land of long distances. The line runs from Rockhampton, in Queensland, to Broome, in Western Australia, and crosses about two-thirds of the entire continent. The total length is something over 6000 miles.—*London Globe.*

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## MARRIED EIGHTY YEARS.

Oldest Living Couple in the United States.

The oldest living couple in the United States beyond a doubt has for the last forty years resided within three miles of Black River Falls, Wis. Louis and Amelia Darwin were born in the Province of Ontario, not far from Montreal. The husband was born on September 24, 1783, or one year before the inauguration of the first President of the United States. The wife was born at La Perle's Isle on March 17, 1794, and is now past her 101st year. The aged people are descended



LOUIS DARWIN.

ants from a race which for many generations was noted for remarkable longevity.

Eighty years have passed since they were joined in wedlock, and a family of twelve children was the fruits of their marriage. Five are still living in the vicinity, ranging from seventy to fifty-four years. The oldest child, were he living to-day, would be seventy-nine years old.

For thirty years Grandma Darwin was totally blind. Strange and incredible as it may seem, in her ninety-ninth year she recovered her second sight and was able to distinguish her children. Yet during the period of her blindness she performed her household duties without any assistance.

The old gentleman has been a remarkable man. When he was 100 years old he could dance a jig equal to a dancing master, but the past four years he has gradually wasted away, until to-day he is but a shadow of his former self. Every day is telling



MRS. AMELIA DARWIN.

upon his great vitality, and his dissolution is daily looked for.

The old lady, whose health has been poorly of late, is somewhat improved, and she is likely to live to as great an age as her venerable consort, now nearing his end.

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## EMPIRE OF DRESS.

DAINTY DESIGNS THAT APPEAL TO FEMININE HEARTS.

Make-Up and Material of a Stylish Basque Waist—Pretty and Comfortable House Gown—Latest in Walking Jackets.

IN the basque waist pictured in the two-column illustration French wool glaid in harmonizing shades of brown and tan, having black boucle cross stripes on a creamy ground, is stylishly made up with a smooth vest of chambray wool crepe, and revers collar of cream colored broadcloth, faced with black satin and edged with successive rows of black soutache braid. Stylish pointed cuffs of cloth, faced and decorated with braid to match, complete the waist. A stock collar of black satin finishes the neck. The waist is arranged over glove fitting linings that close in center front. The seamless back (of the material) extends over the back and side back portions of lining, and is



FASHIONABLE BASQUE WAIST.

separated from the fronts by smooth under arm gorges. The vest is sewed in the right front and invisibly closed on the left under revers. The short basque is shaped in rounded outline. A large bow covers the closing of the stock collar in the back of the neck. The stylish gigot sleeves have this

with smooth and rough-faced surfaces, can be made up without lining and plainly completed. Buttons can be used in closing if desired.

The quantity of 54-inch wide material required to make this jacket for a lady having a 32-inch bust measure

is 2 1/2 yards; for a 36-inch size, 2 1/2 yards; for a 40-inch size, 2 1/2 yards; for a 42-inch size, 3 yards.

CRESCENT-SHAPED BONNETS.

An odd little bonnet looks much like a velvet crescent resting upon the hair. It is trimmed with two small curly tips. Very wide ribbons are fastened at the back of the crescent, one at each side. They are supposed to encircle the English bun coiffure and tie beneath it in a huge bow.

COLLARS AND CUFFS.

Linen collars and cuffs are seen on a few women, but they are generally considered too stiff for graceful attire. The very prettiest collars and cuffs are made of the sheerest of lawn. Just a tiny bit of narrow Valenciennes lace, all to sit around inside the neck of the gown. Then a bit of a point like the corner of an embroidered handkerchief to fall over the collar of the dress from this band on each side, the points not quite meeting in front. Cuffs of the same may be worn. Don't



HANDSOME HOUSE GOWN.

go and make plain straight cuffs of lawn, for those and a plain lawn collar falling over the neck of the dress will stamp you as a widow. You may put a row of five of these points around the collar if you like, making them overlap each other. And you can make the collar and points of satin or bright silk, lace trimmed.

STYLISH WALKING JACKET.

Black, rough-faced diagonal cloth

made this stylish coat, the rolling collar being faced with black velvet. The loose-fitting fronts are closed invisibly with a dly in centre, and above the closing the fronts are reversed in square-shaped lapels, the coat collar meeting the lapels in ends of the same width, which flare but little, as is the latest vogue. The back fits closely, the shaping below the waist line producing the fashionable fluted effect now so popular. The three center back seams are strapped with braid that end in points just below the waist line, the shallow darts and lapels in front also being outlined with the braid. Machine stitching finishes the front and lower edges, or the braid can be used if preferred. Full gigot sleeves, shaped with one seam, are plaited at the top and inserted into enlarged arm's eye that adapt them to an easy adjustment over the dress sleeves. This natty jacket is simple in construction and gracefully defines the lines of the figure. It can be stylishly developed in cloth, serge, tweed or covert suiting in plain or mixed varieties to match the street gown, lining and interlining imparting warmth and style. Heavier cloth,

Three-eighths of a yard of fine linen will make two frames. Cut them of the desired size and have each stamped with a graceful design of maidenhair fern or any other that your fancy dictates, leaving space at one side to cut out for the photograph. Embroider them in solid embroidery with flselle, in shades of green, if you use the maidenhair. In art stores you can get the linen ready stamped and the frames for covering, but you can easily make your own frames out of pasteboard by cutting the size your linen will cover, cutting out the same place for the picture and covering the frame with a piece of sheet wadding before putting on the linen. Where you buy the frames ready for covering, they do not require the wadding.

—*New England Homestead.*

INEXPENSIVE PILLOWS.

If you live in a locality where cat-tails grow abundantly, you may have all the pillows you want at small expense. Gather cat-tails when ripe, pick carefully to pieces and put in a case of heavy muslin or ticking. This makes a pillow as soft as down and much more durable.

Paper torn into tiny pieces, as small as can be pinched off with the thumb and forefinger, makes a very good pillow. This is excellent rainy-day work for the children and often keeps them happy and amused for quite a long time. Newspaper should not be used, as the odor of the ink soon becomes disagreeable, but any other clean white or manilla paper will do nicely, the softer, of course, the better.—*American Farmer.*

TO RENOVATE MULLS AND LACES.

In looking over a friend's wardrobe recently returned from the "other side," I was surprised to find a tea gown of pink mull, made over a silk slip, perfectly fresh in spite of the fact that I had seen it go into the trunk when leaving America a decidedly faded piece of daintiness. Upon my exclamation of surprise she told me her maid, a Parisienne, had washed the mull, which was very faded and limp, in water in which she dissolved a "pink" ball, similar to the balls of blue, or bluing, used in ordinary

## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

A CURIOUS ROASTING PAN.

A roasting pan made of paper's new. The paper is compressed and coated with a wax preparation. In appearance it resembles parchment. The inventor claims that paper can be used for baking, and where the fire does not come in contact with the pan it will be found to be far superior to iron. *New York Advertiser.*

A LINEN PICTURE FRAME.

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PITT'S CARMINATIVE.

A Frenchman has invented a bicycle that can be taken apart, packed in a valise and carried, it is claimed, with ease and comfort wherever the wheelsman is traveling by rail. If the wheel breaks down on the road, the rider can unscrew the

Liability for Scolding Wives.

A decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court indicates that Minnesota husbands with hot-tempered wives will either have to keep them at home or send them to jail, calling, muzzlers. The decision is in the case of William Pett Morgan against Esther Kennedy et al. and William Kennedy, her husband. The court holds that the common law rule making the husband liable for damages for slanderous words uttered by his wife, even though he was not present and had not participated, is not abrogated by any of the statutes relating to marriages, but still holds good. The court finds that the words used by Mrs. Kennedy against Morgan, "He has been drunk throughout Thanksgiving week," involve moral turpitude on plaintiff's part, as well as charging him with the commission of an indictable offense.

A Sculptor's Puzzle.

The Brooklyn Soldier's and Sailors Memorial Arch, which has already cost the City of Churches at least \$350,000, will be further adorned at a cost of \$50,000 more. Life size bas relief figures of Lincoln and Grant will soon be in position upon the inner sides of the pediments of the arch. The sculptor, McMonnies, is at work upon a bronze quadriga to be placed upon the top of the arch surmounting the structure, and bronze groups will be placed upon the pedestals erected for the purpose, on either side of the pediments. A puzzle which the sculptor has to solve is to place a group of eight feet in depth upon a pedestal which is only four feet deep. How to enlarge it, or to reduce the groups to fit the place, for them seems impossible, and the solution of the problem has not yet been reached.

Funeral Heart.

I attended a funeral in a Danish village recently. The sexton of the village church, who, as is customary in those parts, was also the village schoolmaster, and whose wardrobe was limited, presented himself in black frock coat and trousers and a vest of homespun material, red of color and with silver buttons, such as one could see the peasants wear thirty years ago.

The minister reproved him for not wearing a more somber colored vest. "Domine," said the old schoolmaster, "what difference does it make that my vest is red? I assure you my heart is black."

HE WAS OBTUSE.

A.—When I see you I always think of the proverb, "To whom God gives an office he gives an understanding."

B.—I have no office.

A.—Well, don't you see how that fits?

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